

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please cancel the previously-filed Abstract of the Disclosure, and add the accompanying new Abstract of the Disclosure which appears on a separate sheet in the Appendix.

Page 5, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following new paragraphs:

--Figure 7 is a view similar to Figure 1 but wherein the axis of the external threading of the locking sleeve is laterally offset in relation to the axis of the pin.

Figure 8 is a view similar to Figures 1 and 7, but wherein the axis of the bore of the locking sleeve is angularly offset in relation to the axis of the external threading of the locking sleeve.

Figure 9 is a view similar to Figures 1, 7 and 8, but wherein the axis of the bore of the locking sleeve is lateral in relation to the axis of the external threading of the locking sleeve. In this figure, the locking sleeve has been represented as if the pin were not present. Otherwise, it would have been difficult to show that the left part of the axial bore locks the pin.--

Page 6, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 22, bridging pages 6 and 7, with the following amended paragraph:

--After having replaced in the plate 1 the boring guide by the intermediate sleeve 7, the practitioner screws the lower part 21b of the threaded pin 21 in the bone part to the desired

depth. He then introduces the locking sleeve 13 on the upper part 21a of the threaded rod 21 and proceeds to screw the latter in the intermediate sleeve 7, being assisted to that end by the two flat portions 15 for gripping, provided on the outer wall of the upper part 13b thereof.--